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Abstract of the Disclosure

There is disclosed a genus of compounds and pharmaceutical compositions that are protective for mitigating damage associated with tissue ischemia, particularly stroke (CNS ischemia), and ischemia of the myocardium. The present invention further provides a method for treating tissue damage caused by ischemia. Lastly, the present invention provides a method for treating tissue damage caused by providing a compound that inhibits the cytotoxic activity of 3-aminopropanal.